



## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Gosselin et al.

Serial No.: 09/371,747

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Examiner: L. Eric Crane

For:  $\beta$ -L-2'-Deoxy-Nucleosides for the Treatment of Hepatitis BAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

August 27, 2001

**Amendment and Response to Office Action**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 26, 2001, please amend the application as follows. Applicants enclose a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time to reply, to and including, August 27, 2001 (as August 26, 2001 was a Sunday). The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$890.00 associated with this Petition, as well as any other deficiency to Deposit Account 11-0980.

**In the Specification**

Please add the following paragraph as a new paragraph at the end of page 9.

a) The term EC<sub>50</sub> refers to the concentration of nucleoside necessary to inhibit the replication of virus by 50%.

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